Mountain Weather Forecast

Lake District National Park

Forecast valid from 06:00 on Sunday 26 Mar 2023 until 23:59 on Monday 27 Mar 2023

Forecast Issued on Sunday 26 Mar 2023 at 03:11

Confidence: Generally high confidence for turning colder on Sunday, dry Monday and turning wetter and milder from Tuesday.

Headline for Sunday 26 Mar 2023: Cold and mostly cloudy.

Mountain weather hazards on Sunday 26 Mar 2023

Blizzards No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent snow** No Likelihood	**Storm force winds** No Likelihood
Gales No Likelihood	**Severe chill effect** Low Likelihood	**Poor visibility** No Likelihood
Thunderstorms No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent rain** No Likelihood	**Strong sunlight** No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m					
Time					
06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
FOG					
Fog	Cloudy	Cloudy	Cloudy	Cloudy	Partly cloudy (night)
Precipitation probability					
20%	10%	10%	20%	20%	<05%

Forecast for Sunday 26 Mar 2023

Weather: Mainly dry and cloudy. Chance of the odd wintry shower during the afternoon. Cloud breaking up in the evening to give a cold dry night.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 80% or higher.

Low cloud and visibility: Generally good or very good visibility with any early morning low cloud soon lifting.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph) Wind Direction (blowing from)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
900	20/27 E	21/26 NE	21/28 NE	19/24 NE	16/20 NE	16/19 NE	13/16 NE
600	20/27 E	20/25 NE	20/26 NE	16/22 NE	12/17 N	11/16 NE	9/13 NE
300	10/19 E	12/21 NE	10/22 NE	9/19 N	5/14 N	5/13 NE	2/11 N
Valley	13/21 NE	14/22 NE	12/23 NE	10/20 NE	6/15 NE	8/18 NE	5/13 NE

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
900	-1/-8	-2/-9	-1/-8	-1/-8	-2/-8	-4/-11	-4/-10
600	0/-6	1/-6	1/-5	1/-4	0/-4	-2/-7	-2/-6
300	3/-1	4/-0	5/1	4/1	3/1	1/-2	-0/-2
Valley	5/1	6/2	7/3	7/4	6/4	4/1	3/0
Freezing Level*	600m	600m	500m	500m	500m	300m	100m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Meteorologist's View

Be aware of the cold feels like temperatures at height.

Forecast for Monday 27 Mar 2023

Weather: Clear skies through the early hours leading to a cold frosty start. Then dry with prolonged sunshine. High cloud increases late evening and overnight.

Maximum wind: Light winds for much of the day, becoming southerly 10-15 mph gust 25 mph by late evening.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: >90%

Low cloud and visibility: Very good visibility.

Temperature: **Valleys:** Minus 1 rising to plus 7 Celsius.
At 800m: Minus 6 rising to minus 1 Celsius.
Freezing level: At the surface, rising to 400m later.

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Ground Conditions Supplement
Date: Saturday 25 March, Location: Helvellyn summit at 12:08, Temperature: plus 1.5 deg C, Maximum wind speed 15.2mph, Wind chill: minus 4.4 deg C, Average wind speed: 7.5mph

Full report:
A mixture of sunshine and showers today with the best of the weather in the morning and periods of intermittent rain falling as sleet over high ground by late morning and into the afternoon.
Overnight, small and insignificant amounts of now-wet snow settled above 900m, particularly around the exit to Striding edge. Despite this, the Lakeland fells remain almost entirely snow free up to and including the highest tops.
A few small and isolated patches of old snow can be found on steep north and east-facing slopes above 900m, however, these are not in areas that walkers are likely to venture.
Colder temperatures are forecast tomorrow with the freezing level likely to be around 600-700m and further sleet and snow showers over the fells.
Anyone heading out tomorrow should anticipate and be prepared for a wintery day with potentially more snow and ice than described here.
Full winter clothing (warm and waterproof), including hats and gloves, and equipment including a map, compass, and a headtorch are all essential. Microspikes may also be a sensible addition to your rucksack.
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